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PRESS Sports

CHATting WITH ANGEL PUBLICIST IRV KAZE

A trickle of players will start arriving tomorrow at the Palm Springs spring training site of the Los Angeles Angels.



Angel publicist Irv Kaze tells this corner that two hopefuls are going to be in a hot battle for the shortstop position.

"Ken Hamlin and Gene Leek are the duo. Hamlin has 143 games of major league experience and Leek has played 13 at third base," Irv said.

"Where does Leek come from?" "He's a \$50,000 bonus baby from San Diego. The Cleveland Indians paid him that sum to sign only two years ago. Joe Gordon and Frank Lane, then manager and general manager, respectively, of the Tribe, signed him personally."

"How did the Angels get him?" "We acquired him from the American League player pool for \$75,000. The total makes a heap of dough bidding for his success."

"How old is Leek?" "Only 23. Weighs 185 and stands six-foot. He's an alumnus of San Diego's Hoover High School and if he does just half as well as another alumnus of that school, he'll be a star."

"Who's the other?" "The other Hoover fella? A guy named Ted Williams." "Why will Leek be challenging Hamlin for the shortstop job if he is basically a third baseman?"

"The reliable Eddie Yost for one and Gene has told friends he thinks he can fit in easier at the position. Leek would rather vie with Ken than with Eddie."

"Did Gene fare well with Cleveland in '59?" "He played in 13 games and then was shipped to Diego for further seasoning. In his first game he hit a homer. Leek thinks the Indians erred in making him draftable after only two professional campaigns. He wants to prove he's a dividend for the Angels."

"What happened to him with the Padres that year? Seems he wasn't on the roster for the entire season." "He was a brilliant fielder but he had trouble with the bat and was shipped to Mobile of the Southern Association in mid-season where he hit an acceptable .288."

"Where did he play in '60?" "At Mobile, finishing the year at .258." "Not very impressive."

"Gene tells me that he was in the Army for six months prior to the start of the season and got off to a slow start; however, he hit 18 home runs and knocked in 64 runs." "Will he report with the early ones tomorrow?"

"He's been working out at shortstop on his own and is down to the right playing weight." "Who do you think will nail down the job—Hamlin or Leek?"

"The better man!"

Lasuen JV Sinks Santa Monica

Fermin Lasuen's junior varsity cagers sank the Santa Monica Mariners 40-22 and ended their season in third place for the Camino Real league with six wins and four losses.

Padre first string defensive play gave them a half time lead of 26-6 over the Santa Monica seafarers who had dealt Lasuen a stinging defeat in the first round of league play.

Joey Gallegos was Padre high point man with 13, followed by Tracy O'Connor and Hack O'Malley with seven each. Statistically, the Padres took 52 rebounds to the Mariners 18 and made 35 percent of floor shots and 50 percent from the foul line to their opponents' 15 and 22 percent.

RECAP SEASON Looking back over the season, Coach Robert Hill noted that the Padres started slow and, while showing excellent form on rebounds, were weak in shooting. However, he added, prospects for next year when Lasuen launches its first varsity program in all sports, are bright. "We've made some real converts to basketball this year," he said, "and with plenty of off season practice we'll be able to enter varsity competition with a strong team."

Scoring by placement showed: forward; Sullivan 6 to O'Malley, 7; Forward; Tetmayer, 1; O'Connor, 7; Center; Stone 1, Stardivant, 5; Guard; Kelly, 6; Gallegos, 13; guard; Match, 8; Foretich, 0.

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Last Game for Warriors Fri.

El Camino Versus Valley In Tomorrow Night's Tilt

El Camino College will meet Valley College in the season's final Metropolitan Conference basketball game Friday night in the Warrior Gym.

"Stop Jack Hirsch" will be the Warrior cry during the final week of casaba action. The Valley College sophomore, averaging over 26 points a game, will be the player to stop in the Monarch encounter.

Valley tore the Warriors apart the first time they met this season on the Monarch court. With the scene of action being reversed, El Camino hopes results will be reversed also.

WEAK SHOWING El Camino enters the fray with a weak 4-8 conference record but the Warriors hope to close the season on a victorious note. The Monarchs also seem destined for a second division berth in the season standings.

Last Friday San Diego's JC Knights came to the Warrior hardwoods. San Diego was resting in a second-place tie with Long Beach and East L.A.

El Camino had traveled to the Border City during the first round and upset the high flying Knights 76-75 on a 29 point scoring effort by guard Jack Runyan.

This time the San Diego quintet wasn't to be denied. Led by high-scoring guard, Art "Hambone" Williams, the Knights walked away from the Warriors in a sharp-shooting offensive display.

Williams sank 44 points to come within three of the conference record set by Art Powell of the same San Diego school. Only the fact that he fed the ball off when he could have taken a shot himself kept his scoring down.

Williams had 42 points scored with about five minutes remaining in the game, scoring only two in the remaining two minutes.

Mike Schrader of El Camino scored 22 points for his best showing of the year.

Metropolitan Conference Tournaments End This Week

As in the past, the Metropolitan Conference basketball title won't be decided until the final week of play, which is this week. Bakersfield College, victorious in its two conference games last week, needs one more to clinch the flag, while both Long Beach CC and San Diego JC will be battling it out to remain in a tie for second place or even for the top spot.

The top-rated Bakersfield Renegades play Long Beach and Santa Monica this week, while San Diego is scheduled for Santa Monica and East L.A. and Long Beach has Valley in addition to its Bakersfield date.

Last week the Jim Nau's coached Bakersfield five defeated East L.A. College 73 to 58, and Harbor College 71 to 55. The two wins marked the ninth and tenth straight wins in conference play, which, in itself, is some kind of a Metropolitan Conference record.

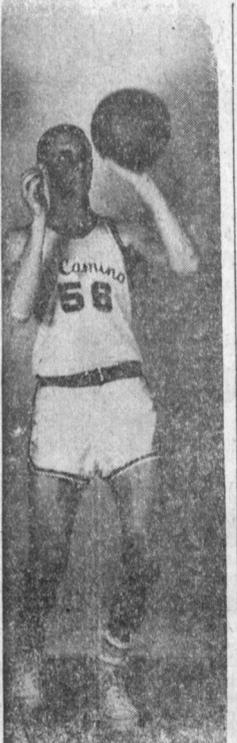
Long Beach CC, currently tied with San Diego JC for second spot with a 9-3 mark, broke the 100 point barrier for the first time this year to defeat Santa Monica CC 104 to 57, and knocked off El Camino 63 to 55. San Diego JC took El Camino into camp 92 to 70 and also beat Valley 86 to 78. In other Metropolitan Conference games last week East L.A. College beata Santa Monica in a real close affair 70 to 64, and Valley College knocked off Harbor 76 to 67.

The big individual scoring mark for the past week belongs to the fabulous Art "Hambone" Williams of San Diego JC. The young Metropolitan Conference athlete, currently leading the circuit in scoring with 340 points, tipped in 44 points against El Camino last Friday night and then accounted for 28 at Valley on the next evening for a total of 72 points for the two games. Williams' 44 points in the one game was three points shy of the 47 record held by the former San Diego JC athlete Art Powell. Powell's record was established in 1956. Williams needs 48 more points to the current individual scoring mark of 388 points held by Huey Thomas of East L.A. College, and set in 1960. Other scoring marks for the past week include Valley's Jack Hirsch and his 51 points against Harbor, and San Diego; Aron Carmichael of Long Beach, 50 points against El Camino and Santa Monica; and Charles Kennedy of East L.A. scored 40 against Santa Monica and Bakersfield. Williams continues to lead the Metro scorers with 340 points followed by Hirsch of Valley with 318; Aron Carmichael of Long Beach with 238; teammate Lynton Hodge with 214 and Bakersfield's Mark Hasen with 211.

EL CAMINO HOSTS In other top-rated, Metropolitan Conference Games El Camino College Friday hosts Valley, East L.A. does likewise Harbor, Santa Monica travels to San Diego, and then the Bakersfield - Long Beach affair. On Saturday night at 8 p.m., it's Long Beach at Valley, East L.A. at San Diego, and Bakersfield at Santa Monica.

Plans are shaping up for the Metropolitan Conference All-Star game scheduled for Friday night, March 3 on the home court of the Metro champs.

The Metropolitan Conference champions will represent the Southland JC circuit in the California State Junior College basketball tournament at Hancock Junior College in Santa Maria on March 9, 10, 11.



IN THE BASKET—Poised for action is Frank Kingery, 6'3" forward for the El Camino Warrior cage squad.



LONG REACH—Biggest man on Coach George Stanich's 1961 basketball squad is 6'6" Dave Roth, a versatile center candidate who also sees action at the forward position.

TIED FOR THIRD Julio Becquer, one of the Los Angeles Angels' three first-basemen, tied for third place in the three-base hit department in the American League last year with a total of 7.

PASS LEADER Eddie Yost, third-baseman of the Los Angeles Angels, a player noted for drawing lots of bases on balls, led the American League in 1960 with 125 free passes.

LET'S GO BOWLING With Darlene Cope

For all the Gable House bowlers who know Frank and Jackie Jones, they are "finally" the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy. The Jones family, 4002 Cathann, Torrance, has three girls Jaggee, 6, Jeri, 4, and Zanbra, 2. The new addition, Michael Francis, 7 lbs. 2 oz., was born last Saturday night at 8:40 at the Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Frank Jones bowls on the 850 scratch and Misfits Leagues and Jackie is secretary on her Wednesday morning Top Notchers scratch league. Congratulations, family, on the new baby boy.

TROPHY WINNERS There were six lucky and skillful ladies who smashed the 200 barrier for house trophies last week. They are Dot Downer, 203; Jean Dynek, Southside Traveling League, 201; J. Etcheverry, Gable House Bowling Association Tournament, 213; Pee Wee Murphy, 201; Melba Quatke-meyer, Las Vegas Traveling League, 214; and Flo Rhodes, Scratch Grouchers, 203.

In the men's division, there were five hitting over the 250 mark. John Scott felled a smashing 277 game. Close behind were R. Shively, 266; Don Gurnick, Eye Openers, 256; Elmer Teebeken, 254; and Tom Payne, 850 scratch, 253.

As usual, the junior bowlers are battling away at the Gable House bowling pins. Eleven juniors all rolling 200 games and over are as follows: Tom Nelson, 225; Bob Mandel, 221; Bill Grammer, 217; Jay Ccharfman, 205; Steve Mariorenzi, 203; Jack Woodroff, 201; B. Engel, 201; and Ray Fleanor, 201. Marilyn Lush, being the only girl junior bowler to go over 200 last week, shot a 203 on the Saturday afternoon Mother and Daughter League.

Gable House also has awarded trophies to those who picked up splits. Judy Arnold, Dianas, spared the 6-7-10; (Continued on Page B-7)



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